



**JUSTICE**  
**DIANE M. HATHAWAY**

Term expires January 1, 2017

Justice Diane Marie Hathaway was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2008. Her term expires on January 1, 2017. Before joining the Supreme Court, Justice Hathaway served as a judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court for 16 years. She was first elected to the circuit court in 1992 and then reelected in 1998 and 2004. As a circuit judge, she presided over civil, criminal, family, and appellate matters, and she was a member of the court's executive committee. She was also appointed as a visiting judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals to help expedite the appeals process during a period of backlog in that court. Additionally, Justice Hathaway was involved with "Kids TALK," a child advocacy program that provides forensic interviews and mental health services to children who are victims of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

The daughter of a Detroit police officer, Justice Hathaway was born, raised, and educated in the city of Detroit. After graduating from high school, she attended Henry Ford Hospital School of Radiologic Technology and became an X-ray Technician. She also obtained her real estate broker's license and worked in both radiology and real estate while raising her children and attending college. Justice Hathaway graduated with honors from Madonna University and received a bachelor of science in allied health. She earned her law degree from the Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University College of Law) in 1987. While in law school, she worked as a research clerk at the Wayne County Circuit Court and Detroit Recorder's Court. She also taught real estate law and continuing education classes to real estate brokers.

After private practice in probate and real estate law, Justice Hathaway served as a Macomb County assistant prosecuting attorney. Initially, she prosecuted cases in the trial division, but was soon promoted to chief of the Drug Forfeiture Division. In addition to prosecuting cases, she volunteered her time to visit high schools and police stations to educate students and law enforcement officers about forfeiture laws. She has been active in numerous professional organizations. Such organizations include the State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Macomb County Bar Association, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, and the Michigan Judges Association.

Michigan State University College of Law awarded Justice Hathaway with the Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of her significant service to the college, the profession, and the community. She was also honored by the B'Nai B'Rith Barristers Bar Association for promoting the administration of justice regarding persons of minority ethnic backgrounds in the legal profession. Justice Hathaway was the Supreme Court liaison to the Michigan Bar Association and the Board of Law Examiners. Presently, she is the Supreme Court liaison to the Attorney Discipline Board and the Attorney Grievance Commission.

Justice Hathaway resides in the Detroit area with her husband, attorney Michael Kingsley. She has 5 children and 3 grandchildren.